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Comments: Dear Friends at the BTNF and USFS,

I am a mountain biker a downhill biker and a cross country biker as well as an avid dirtbiker and snowmobiler. While I certainly do support extending the seasonal closure on places like munger, horseshoe and other motorized trails (even shadow) and think people should be able to ebike up the old pass road to ride the downhill trails, I do believe without a plan to handle the added burden on the trails we should NOT allow ebikes on Teton Pass on Blacks or on the trail system that comprises phillips arrow and the ridge trails to the north of the pass, as well we should not allow ebikes on the cash and snowking systems. Even if you collected user fees they would definitely not be enough to pay for the additional maintenance.

I have help with trail work and built a handful of the big features on the parallel trail and even the added visitors and new community members have overloaded the maintenance capabilities of our vast network of trail groups and FS trail builders.

as someone who uses the BTNF land for all the activities it allows and does film work, needing permits, I feel like the rules and costs for stickers and permits is applied somewhat unfairly to user groups. Is it fair that when I take video vs still photographs for commercial purposes I have to pay about 40% more. Likewise is the maintenance and cost to manage the few dirtbike trails anywhere near the cost to manage horse or mountain bike trails? Why do I as a skier not need a sticker to use the Forrest for back-county skiing but do for a snowmobile? What damage, maintenance or services justify a fee for snowmobilers and not for skiers.

I am not suggesting at all that the prices I pay for some of my activities should be reduced. I think the cost of an annual sticker for each of my sled and my dirt bike is quite reasonable as are the costs of film permits (the film permit process is problematic while your staff is nice)

I am suggesting that all users are required to pitch in and that photographers pay the same price as film people as the rules regarding everything but weather its one frame at a time or many in a sequence are exactly the same.

I am part of every access community and I would be happy to pay a few hundred dollars more in stickers and permits, knowing that the other hikers skiers mountain bike riders, who for the most part don't steward their trails, like the moto and downhill community are also pitching in financially for al the work you do.

PS no E-Bikes on the XC trails, except for people older than 65 maybe and the adaptive crowd as they could for sure use a little more help with access to the woods.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this let me know if there is anything I can ever do to help the Forrest Service. I am more than happy to donate my time as a filmmaker for media you might need or as a trail builder, as I love making the dirt more fun.

Sorry for the long letter thank you so much for working to manage our public lands that are the day to day joy in my life.